

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Bicycling — Camping
Fishing — Hiking — Horseback Riding
Hunting — Shooting Range
Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities.

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires except in designated areas. Campfires must be attended at all times.
- Pets must be leashed when not used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Taking of greens from areas designated as Natural Areas is prohibited. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Vehicles are restricted to public roadways and parking lots unless otherwise allowed by area regulations.
- Bicycles and horses allowed on multi-use trails and bicycles allowed on designated service roads except during all portions of the firearm deer and spring turkey seasons. Multi-use trails and service roads (if any) can be located at <https://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/places>.
- Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 or more campers need a special use permit.
- Primitive camping on a walk-in basis is allowed, but campsites must be at least 100 yards from all public access roads, open fields and parking lots.

- For safety reasons, target shooting is permitted only at the shooting range.
- ATV's are prohibited.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions on impoundments:

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than 3 poles may be used by any person.
- Daily limit is 6 black bass, 4 catfish (channel, blue and flathead combined) and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.
- All black bass less than 15 inches must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- All Warmouth and Goggle-eye less than 7 inches must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught. Daily limit (15) in the aggregate.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written authorization.
- Boats may not be left unattended overnight.
- Only electric motors are permitted.
- No fishing allowed in Blue Pond Natural Area.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

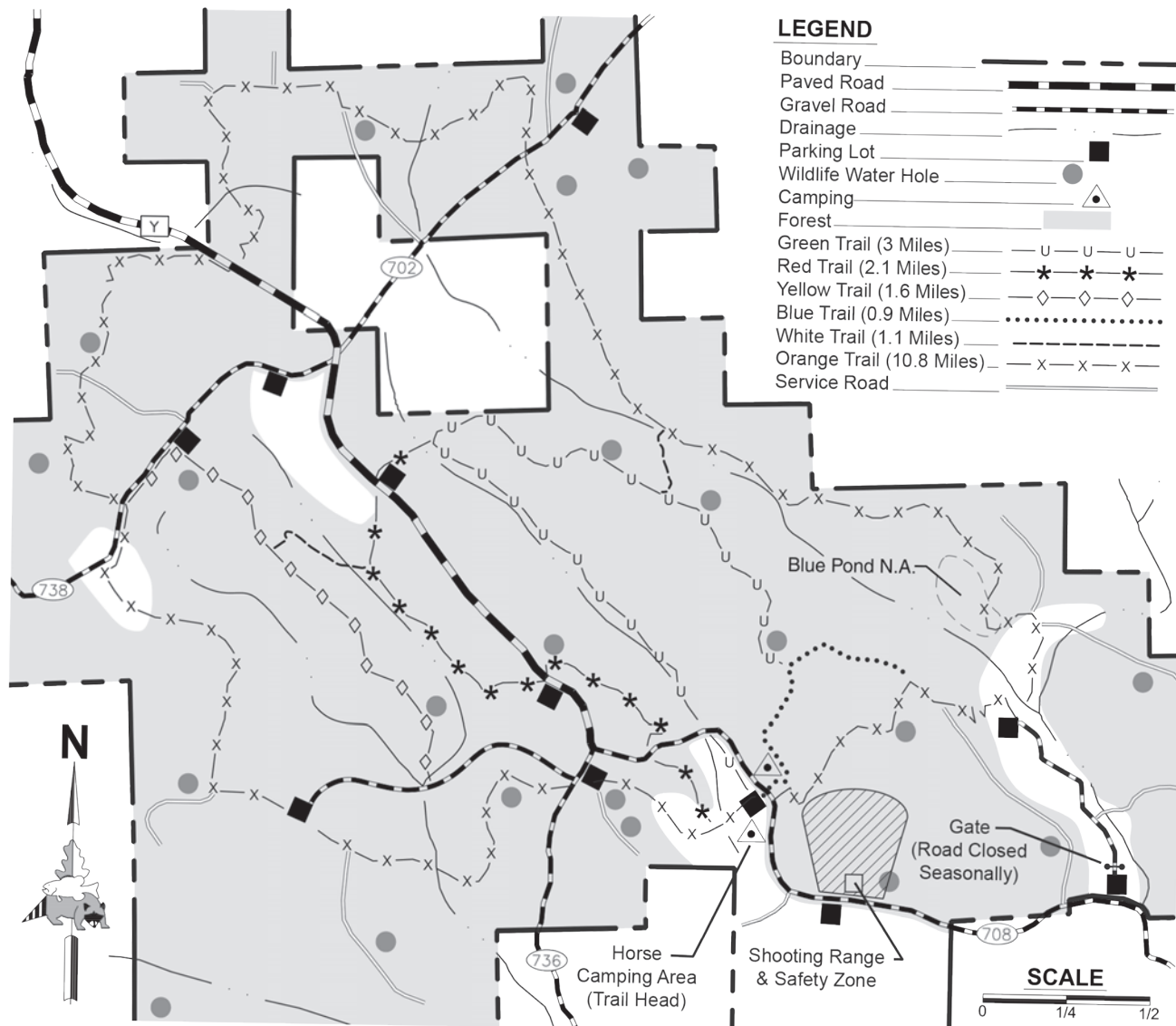
- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey and Fall Deer and Turkey summaries for current regulations.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or Conservation Number, of the owner and be removed from the area before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special use permit.

For local information contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
Route 5, Box 129
Marble Hill, MO 63764
(573)238-2321

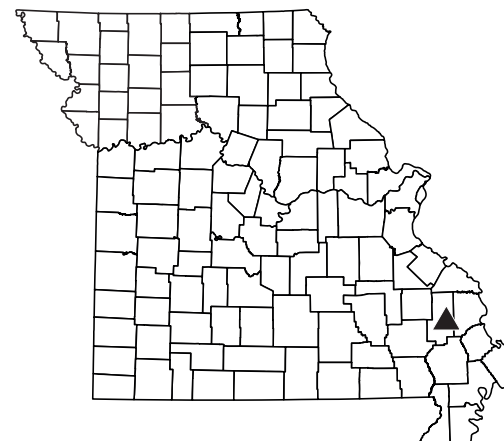
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.





Castor River

CONSERVATION AREA



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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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